

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 639

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Myrna Clodfelter Davis on the celebration of her ninetieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Myrna Clodfelter Davis is celebrating her ninetieth birthday on March 17, 2018, a milestone that is being commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. N.T. Clodfelter, Myrna Clodfelter Davis was born in Tennessee after her father's transfer from the Aluminum Company of America's Badin, North Carolina, operations to its Tennessee operations; and

WHEREAS, she is a proud 1946 graduate of Alcoa High School and a member of the Alcoa High School Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, she began her thirty-six-year career with Blount Electric System, now known as Alcoa Electric Department; she took a much-deserved retirement in 1994; and

WHEREAS, during the 1970s, in the era of the IBM Selectric Typewriter, Ms. Clodfelter would take vacation to volunteer in the typing pool for the General Assembly's Office of Legal Services; and

WHEREAS, Myrna Clodfelter Davis has lived a very active and fulfilling life and has enjoyed many different trips in the Lower 48, as well as trips to Alaska and Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Davis experienced one of the many highlights of her life when she traveled to Europe and visited Glattfelden, Switzerland, the hometown of the Clodfelter family; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Davis has been a devoted member of Alcoa First United Methodist Church for more than seventy-five years; and

WHEREAS, she has always had a love of quilting, having participated in quilting groups at three different churches simultaneously; and

WHEREAS, Myrna Clodfelter Davis continues to spend as much time as possible each year on the family farm in Stanley County, North Carolina, working with her cousins and visiting with her many North Carolina friends and relatives; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, she survived a fire that destroyed the original farm cabin and made way for a modern log cabin in which she loves to stay; and

WHEREAS, two of her favorite activities are researching her family genealogy and participating in several genealogical and historical societies; and

WHEREAS, Myrna Clodfelter Davis has not let reduced vision caused by macular degeneration slow her down; she uses her reading machine daily and watches television "up close" to follow the University of Tennessee men's and women's basketball games; and

WHEREAS, her birthday celebration will be shared with her Sunday School class, friends, neighbors, and family; and

WHEREAS, that family includes her brother, retired longtime Director of the Office of Legal Services, James A. Clodfelter; her son, Barry Davis; and her daughter-in-law, retired University of Tennessee Vice President Sylvia Davis; and

WHEREAS, her family has prepared a very special surprise for Ms. Davis: her first cousin, Dorothy Hughes, and Dorothy's daughter, Beth, are traveling from Seattle, Washington, to participate in the birthday celebration; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Myrna Clodfelter Davis on the

celebration of her ninetieth birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.